

Memorandum

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To: Delta, Suisun, and East Side Tributaries Technical Team Participants

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The information in this packet provides some supporting materials for the upcoming two-day Delta, Suisun and East Side Tributaries Technical Team meeting on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1. We are looking forward to a productive session. The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. We are still looking for a meeting location and will send out a note by Friday, March 21 with this information. We are trying to find a location that is convenient for both Bay Area and Sacramento participants so no overnight travel will be involved.

Meeting Purpose The primary purpose of the meeting is to involve technical representatives from agencies and stakeholder groups in developing a package of priority fish and habitat restoration actions to be implemented starting this year. The restoration actions recommended by this meeting will help guide funding decisions by the Ecosystem Roundtable and CALFED. The funds we have available include \$60 million from Proposition 204, \$10 million in potential stakeholder contributions, and potentially \$143 million in federal appropriations that are currently in the President's budget for the next fiscal year. In addition, we are working with other funding sources to better coordinate ecosystem restoration funding decisions.

Meeting Scope/Focus The geographic scope of the meeting includes the Delta, the Yolo Bypass, Suisun Bay, and the three east side tributaries to the Delta. We can discuss and refine the geographic scope in case there are any questions or concerns. Other technical teams are working the Sacramento River system, the San Joaquin River system, and the North Bay.

To guide funding decisions, the Ecosystem Roundtable and CALFED have adopted a set of near-term natural resource priorities which includes eight fish species, migratory birds, and five habitat types. These near-term priorities are a subset of the larger Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan being developed by CALFED. A description of these near-term

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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priorities and some additional criteria are in the attached draft document titled "Implementation Strategy to Identify Near Term-Priorities for Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration." It is important to note that these near-term priorities will be reviewed and expanded as necessary on a semi-annual basis as the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan is refined, as other new information becomes available and as funding levels change.

Attachments To assist you in preparing for the meeting, we have included some materials. Please review as much of the material as possible in order to help ensure the success of the meeting. The following materials are attached:

- Agenda;
- Some draft ground rules and a description of consensus we can use to guide our efforts; and
- The Implementation Strategy to Identify Near-Term Restoration Priorities for the Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration.

Next week, we expect to mail out a summary of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan which is the long-term ecosystem restoration component being evaluated in CALFED's Programmatic EIR/EIS.

We look forward to a productive session. Please RSVP to Cindy Darling at the number above.